CLASSIFICATION CENTRAL INTELLIG Approved For Release 2001/04/18: CI ENCY REPORT NO. 00457R001500950002-3 25X1A DATE DISTR. 9 June 1948 COUNTRY Iran/USSR NO. OF PAGES 1 SUBJECT Opening of Soviet Consulate at Maku 25X1A NO. OF ENCLS. (LISTED BELOW) CONFIDENTIAL SUPPLEMENT TO CIA Library 25X1X REPORT NO. It is reported that during the latter part of April the Soviet Union opened a full consulate at Maku, which is located near the juncture of the Iranian, Turkish and Soviet frontier in northern Kurdistan. Fedor Alexandrovitch Pochianov has been appointed Consul in charge of the new Maku Consulate. 25X1A Comment: Until last year the Soviets maintained a Vice-Consulate at Maku which allegedly was active with the tribes of Kurdistan. It is significant perhaps that the Iranian Government has allowed the Soviet Government to open a Consulate rather than a Vice-Consulate in this restricted area, while American or other foreign officials are not allowed to travel to Maku. 25X1X The new Soviet Consul in Laku now has a staff of eight Soviet citizens. 2. 25X1A the Soviet ranking Counsellor, Ivanov, is

away on extended leave, and he may or may not return to Iran. The present ranking Counsellor, therefore, is Ashurovo

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